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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Buffer Stock of Pulses
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for continuous decline in pulses production in the country;

(b) whether in view of spiraling prices and low production of pulses, the Government has decided to create a buffer stock of various pulses;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the procurement norms for creating buffer stock of pulses; and

(d) the schemes being implemented to increase production and availability of pulses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) : After registering increase during two consecutive years, i.e. 2012-13 to 2013-14, production of pulses fell during 2014-15 mainly on account of adverse weather conditions.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Madam. The Government has approved creation of a buffer stock through procurement of about 50,000 ton pulses from the kharif crop 2015-16 and one lakh ton out of arrivals of rabi crop of 2015-16. The procurement will be done through Food Corporation of India (FCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) and any other agency as may be decided.

(d) : For enhancing domestic production of pulses, Government is implementing a number of plan schemes/programmes like National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM). In addition, Government is also regularly enhancing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for pulses.

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